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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: NIGERIAN DISSATISFACTION OVER ROMEO HORTON'S PERFORMANCE  
AS ECOWAS FUND DIRECTOR

IN A CONVERSATION WITH NIGERIAN AMBASSADOR  
ADEUGA AKEKUOYE ON MARCH 10, HE INFORMED ME  
THAT NIGERIAN GOVERNMENT WAS VERY DISSATISFIED WITH  
THE PERFORMANCE TO DATE OF HORTON. FROM THE NIGERIAN  
POINT OF VIEW, HORTON IS ACTING IN THE "TRADITIONAL"  
LIBERIAN MANNER, WHICH IS PUTTING PLEASURE/SHOW  
BEFORE BUSINESS. ADEKUOYE SAID THAT THE NIGERIAN  
GOVERNMENT, WHICH WILL PAY 35 PER CENT OF ECOWAS  
BILLS, DID NOT KNOW WHAT HORTON WAS DOING AND HAD  
ASKED THE TOGOLESE GOVERNMENT IF IT KNEW. HE SAID  
THE TOGOLESE RESPONSE HAD BEEN INADEQUATE AND THE  
NIGERIANS HAD FELT CONSTRAINED TO SAY THAT SUCH  
PLANS OF HORTON AS THEY KNEW ABOUT WITH RESPECT  
TO LARGE-SCALE HIRING OF STAFF AND RENTING OF  
OFFICE AND RESIDENTIAL QUARTERS DID NOT APPEAR  
TO ACCORD WITH THE NECESSITY OF SETTING UP A  
VIABLE FUNCTIONING AND SMALL STAFF TO GET THE  
FUND LAUNCHED. ADEKUOYE SAID THAT HE HAD BEEN  
INSTRUCTED BY HIS GOVERNMENT TO MAKE THIS CLEAR  
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TO THE TOGOLESE AUTHORITIES SO THAT THERE WOULD  
BE NO ILLUSIONS ABOUT WHO WAS GOING TO FOOT  
WHATEVER BILLS HAD BEEN CREATED TO DATE BY HORTON  
AND HIS ESSENTIALLY LIBERIAN COTERIE. HE SAID  
NIGERIA DID NOT INTEND TO PAY THESE BILLS.  
MOREOVER, IT WAS NIGERIA'S CONCLUSION THAT NAMING  
HORTON HAD BEEN A MISTAKE. HE SAID THAT TO DATE,

HOWEVER, ECOWAS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OUATTARA, WHO  
HAD BEEN THE NIGERIAN CHOICE, WAS WORKING OUT WELL.  
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